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REMARKS

Claims 1 – 29 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 9, 12, 13, 16, 22, and 29 have been amended, Claim 21 has been cancelled, leaving Claims 1 – 20 and 22 – 29 for consideration after entering the present amendment. The claims have been amended to correct grammatical errors and for consistency of language. The amendments are not narrowing and were not made to overcome prior art. Support for these amendments can be found in the claims as originally filed, namely, for example, in Claim 1.

The Examiner has required restriction pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121. The Examiner contends that the claims comprise several patentably distinct species for both the catalytic material and the modifying agent. Pursuant to MPEP §808.01(a) and 35 U.S.C. §121 the Examiner requires restriction to a catalytic material and a modifying agent.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect:

catalytic material: Pt, and oxides, alloys, compounds, and combinations comprising at least Pt

modifying agent: Pb, and alloys, nitrates, sulfides, chlorides, and combinations comprising at least Pb.

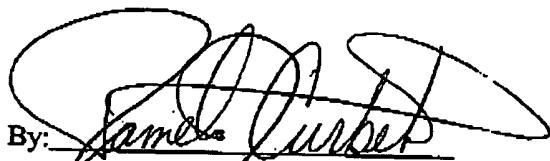
This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to the remaining species, including the right to file divisional application(s) thereon. The Examiner has admitted that all of Claims 1 – 29 are generic. Applicants agree that the claims are generic and/or drawn to the elected species. No claims are withdrawn from prosecution.

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